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David W.. JOHNSON, et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 1511
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Application No.: 10/698,424	)	Group Art Unit: 1638
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Filed: November 3, 2003	)	Examiner: Keith Robinson
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For: ALFALFA PLANTS HAVING	)	
IMPROVED STANDABILITY AND/OR	)	
FAST RECOVERY AFTER HARVEST	)	
AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING	)	
SAME	)	

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 1, 2004, applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention defined by the Examiner as Invention I (drawn to claims 1-21, and 30).

Applicant respectfully requests formal examination of the elected claims on the merits.

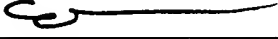
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